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# RED PAPER

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. . . how men fight and lose the battle,
and the thing they fought for comes
about in spite of their defeat, and when
it comes turns out not to be what they
meant, and other men have to fight for
what they meant under another name

Or perhaps it is better to fight under no
name at all. Labels provide an excuse
for avoiding thought, a handle for the
enemy, and another blanket under
which to lose the human individual

Control your own life!

the true enemy of the British

Provincial *but not horse-drawn*. Red Paper. East Anglia

please leave the CP as clean as you would like to find it on entering

should 'extremists',
try to discredit
the police, or can
the police manage
on their own?

## Regional Secretariat in East Anglia ?

The suggestion has recently been made that the unformed, (not necessary to form ?) fifth international might set up a secretariat in each region, primarily to establish a decentralised communications network

This secretariat *must not* be allowed to develop into yet another bureaucracy, but must confine itself to the receipt and intelligent circulation of information within the national & international network, and with relations (on a communications, *not* representational basis) with relevant local bodies, such as the county preservation societies

The main necessities at this stage seem to be time, a telephone and a duplicator. Anyone able and willing should contact us at 44 Upper Orwell Street, Ipswich.

*Red Paper*

Workers of all lands, *enjoy yourselves!*

with acknowledgements to an anonymous student of Paris May 68

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*We will very generously give free space to things we feel we may, which is totalitarian censorship by a disaffected minority*

*It helps to send a stamp when writing . 5d normal 4d slow*

**Solidarity**
very good pamphlet series . H Russell 53a Westmoreland Road Bromley . Kent

We are complaining about the total quality of life. We reject the artificial division of life into categories - work - leisure or politics - business. Life is either a whole thing or it is rubbish. Either we are revolutionaries all the time, in seeking a radical transformation of all human relationships, or we are weekend revolutionaries, whose only achievement is fighting the fuzz, or inactive sponges soaking up the contents of underground or sectarian leftist publications. Our total situation calls for total contestation. We are agitators for Local Control of Everything Everywhere, and for us this means East Anglia, not Grosvenor Square

*I don't know anything about it,*
*but I know what I don't like*

Beginning of May Day march 1968. 2000 workers & students against the government & racialism. Take Thursday 1st May 1969 off and join us. See page 2 ☞

# the authorities, the faceless men who run our lives depend on our dislike of 'trouble'

# justice must not only be done, but look possible

**putting people before ease of administration**

**putting reasonable function before administrative habit**

**putting real education before exam results and mere training**

**will never suit the state or the big corporations**

although it can be seen that violence in the long run is counter-productive, it is a RESULT of loss of confidence in the machinery of justice when demonstrators fight in resisting arrest

# slavery is the price of apathy

war is the style of the state

war
is the health of the
state is the health of the
boss is the health of the
technological mincing
machine that will mince
you up war is the hell
and up war is the help
war is the health
of the state
is the
health
of the
stock exchange
is the health of law & order
war is the nature/the health of the state is the form
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state is good for national unity & the
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production and underconsumption is
the health of frustration/aggression
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of the they do
bastards-in-office for the
people
they keep
submerged
by varied controls
& force

war/your death is the health of the state

LIBERTY

# women won't have equal treatment until either money or kids are abolished

# drugs

are an evasion of consciousness
not an expansion of consciousness

**POlemical POsters**

A series of tedious typographic POPOs of a polemical nature will shortly be available. These are intended for public display more than for your bog door, but a small sum will be charged to defray production costs. If they are not sold we shall stop production. If they are not shown, they won't do much for that expansion of mass consciousness which is the motor of social revolution POPOs will be available at 44 Upper Orwell Street, Ipswich for your inspection &c. Anglian Libertarians

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# Warsaw Pact condemned in advance

At a final seminar of the IXth World Youth Festival at Sofia in Bulgaria, Peter Freeman spoke on behalf of East Anglian libertarians when he condemned all organisations set on perpetuating an armed division of Europe, both NATO *and* the Warsaw Pact. He welcomed the partial secession of France and Czechoslovakia from their respective military spheres, as tending to break up these monolithic superstructures. The naivete of the German SDS representatives was shown in their refusal to believe the Warsaw Pact was more than a defence system against Western Imperialism, which would dissolve itself after the threat of the latter had been removed, while the justification of independent libertarian condemnation of *all* war-like systems was proved by the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia only two weeks afterwards. Comrade Freeman said the answer to the hate-propaganda of both military spheres was the application of a reorientated education to *both* parts of Europe

**the more society is civilised the more will individuality be developed and the more will desires be varied**

*Peter Kropotkin*

it is the business of the future to be dangerous

attack on that principle of authority which is central to current social forms arouses a guilty kind of distrust of those who openly speak the hidden resentments of all of us

# paranoia

even if I am OK right now someone somewhere is poisoning me for profit and others plan legislation against my life. I shall soon suffer from

*Dear God, help me to remain maladjusted*

**Law & Order is the Black and Tans, the CRS, or any similar organisation the State might find suitable. Law & Order is not some absolute standard, but a term used as a threat**

Has TV made orthodox politics trivial, or has it just shown how trivial they always have been ?

# communication

will be nicer for us than participation thanks

**Our social attitudes and intentions have now too far outrun the capacity of our institutions to express them and politics are taking to the streets as *a result* of a better understanding of the essentially rigid and repressive nature of these institutions**

*The brain of each of us does literally create his or her own world - J Z Young*

This situation, a concomitant of the increasing differentiation of the individual, means a gumming-up of all word communication above the level of chat about the weather.

This places the responsibility for effective communication on the speaker or writer and implies an understanding of the variety of meaning which few of us possess.

Anyone interested in joining a serious study of communication please contact *Red Paper*

# straight information defeats mystification

war is the health of the State

Labour Government has incidental propaganda value for libertarians in starting rank-and-file movement independent of Union bureaucracies, in demonstrating the nature of the State at its most repulsive, in helping the big corporations to get bigger and more dehumanised, in helping employers keep wages down by the use of the Law (State violence), in its subservience to the US, where the $ comes from, in having Robert (National Interest) Maxwell as an MP. In these and other happy little ways Labour in power, the soft flop of wet Government when it comes to the real needs of ordinary people, cannot fail to induce in us all a deep distaste for the State.

***Example - on the Tachograph*** 'If Mrs Castle and Marsh deserve to be remembered for anything, it should be for uniting the haulage men of this country for the first time' *a driver.*

***Vote Labour for incredulous eye-opening !***

## don't stand up the re ranting let us talk to one another

'*I* am a disciplined part of a cohesive body. If *you* start talking and writing freely, if *you* gather in large numbers, if *you* are young and/or long haired or the wrong colour or have the wrong politics, or are an ungrateful striker, holding the country to ransom, *I* shall send tanks, thump with sticks, charge with obstruction, or assault, shout loudly or search for drugs, to the furthermost limits of local taste. *I* shall be unable to understand (as a member of a disciplined force) why *you* should object to being pushed around. *I* am the universal spirit of uniformity by violence, if necessary. *I* am the universal pig'

Dear Ernest Bader, we agree, and wish to start a collective. Lack of capital and the interest rates are preventing us. Please send large sums with your suggestions, or bring them if you come to talk. You will be most welcome either way

***Red Paper***

***the housing estates are the Sierra Maestra of England***

## tachograph

'It's the bosses' problem to sort out how they are going to shift loads around the country with shorter hours and all the restrictions. That's political, that is, and I'm not fighting any political battles because I know I can't win. But I'm not having that clock in my cab. There isn't a worker in this country would have a time-and-motion robot strapped to him'

## oops, sorry

To contradict the strabismic statement inside back cover, women won't have equal treatment until they have testicles. Men and women are so constructed as to be complementary, but a competitive society has managed to obscure this rather crude fact, hence the perpetual guilty bickering in the press about the 'duties' of womanhood. Bootlicking for a living means the same thing whoever does it. The fact that women are by nature concerned with the more immediate needs of life just means they don't lick quite so many boots

Demonstrations are taking on a pleasant Bank Holiday ritual air. All is well, Mr Callaghan beams

**POlemical POster 1**
now ready
**as we see it** masterly statement by **solidarity**
*send 1s and display it*

# communicate!

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*the young of today are the JPs & juries of tomorrow*

# Never accept lifts from strange men

*we have received a number of accounts similar in tone to the one printed below, if different in detail*

At one time i.e. three years ago I considered the stories I heard of police persecution more of a myth than something that happened every day, that was until I found myself walking every night from Rushmere Estate to Belstead Road for three months. A night rarely passed without me finding myself being questioned by at least one policeman. The questions varied from simply name & address where have you been where are you going to having the soles of my shoes examined.

One night having been stopped three times in the previous 24 hours I chanced to look round and take note of two uniformed policemen behind me. Several minutes later as I was walking past the docks a grey car drove at me with headlights full on and brought me to a terrified standstill against a brick wall. The back door opened and one of two thugs ordered me into the car. All I could think of to say was that I did not have far to walk then I was told I was being taken to the station, only at this point did I realise the occupants of the car were not leftovers from 1930's Chicago but plain clothes policemen. I got in and had the following enlightening conversation with the law enforcement officers

*repeat until back at the station*

('Why did you run away from those (policemen back there?'
('I didn't'

At the station I was searched and was asked sarcastically if I was a father as I was carrying a book on child development. When the two policemen I was supposed to have run away from came into the station they said 'Oh no he didn't run away, he just looked round'

I explained I had been stopped three times the previous night and would therefore automatically make note of any policemen near me.

At last I was allowed to go home, the last words from the CID being 'If you were intentionally acting suspiciously it will teach you not to do it again and if not it's alright'

Weeks passed with the usual informal chats with the men on the beat who by now didn't bother to ask my name and address, when on leaving my parents' house at 3.15 pm to start on my afternoon shift on the buses where I was now working another grey Austin estate pulled up and two CID men got out and stood in front of me on the pavement. They asked me what I was doing coming out of 'that house over there', I answered 'I live there'.

They continued to question me but I refused to answer any more. They stood on the pavement in front of me so as not to allow me to continue on my way until a gust of wind blew open my coat exposing my conductor's jacket. They said 'Alright we'll ask your employer' and let me go on my way. The bus left five minutes late being short of a conductor.

That evening I made a complaint, a sergeant spent three quarters of an hour trying to dissuade me but failed and I was taken in to see someone higher up. After a lot of smooth talking from him and a lot of sad stories about how some of these burglars even crap on the front room carpets of the houses they burgle, he told me there had been numerous robberies in the Belstead Road area over the preceding few months and how a youth about my age had been seen. I did not know what else to say so I left, admittedly it was nice to have a high ranking police officer opening all the doors for me on the way out and repeatedly apologising for any inconvenience caused but the myth was now well backed up by reality.

Authority based on force will transform love into hatred and hope into fear

*Homer Lane*

(Homer Lane was killed in action by the Twickenham Baptist Gang)

## the May Day Committee

We are not a political party and we don't want to become one. We are not people looking for votes or running for office. We are a committee of rank and file trade unionists and students who are convinced that the attempt to change society by electing Governments has proved a failure

The May Day Committee is convinced that nothing will ever change fundamentally until ordinary people themselves take over society and run it co-operatively, democratically, and without armies, policemen and prisons

**Our primary aim is to persuade people - through meetings and all sorts of propaganda - that such a fundamental change in society is both necessary and possible**

It will mean a great change in outlook - for we have all been brought up to believe that ordinary people are not fit to do such things. We have all been taught to take orders, to rely on politicians, and to leave decision-making to Governments

For our fellow trade unionists we put forward the following ideas-

1 Complete independence of the trade unions from the State and from all political parties

2 Action in support of any group of workers who may come into conflict with the Government's wage freeze policy

3 Rank and file control of the unions. Reduction in the numbers and the powers of trade union officials. No permanent officials. All workers to participate in trade union administration at all levels. Greater autonomy for shop floor organisations with the right to federate with similar organisations for the better prosecution of the common struggle

4 Against all forms of racialism - for solidarity and brotherhood among all workers against the common enemy - the capitalist system

If you are interested in helping to forward these ideas contact
**The May Day Committee 29 Love Walk London SE5**

the revolutionary movement contains within itself the seeds of its own destruction

1789 + 1917 were only cabinet crises

# Red Paper

The first sheet of Red Paper drew a response which rather surprised us, so here is the second. We would like to keep it that tentative way. We had some attention from TV and the press, to all of whom we were most obliging, except possibly the 'East Anglian Daily Times'. We feared the perils of interpretation by this paper, in view of their report of the Bentwaters demo this summer, the general tone of the editorials, the article in 'The People' of 21 November 1965, the quite incredible letters they seem to find worth while printing, and their apparent underestimate of the intelligence of their readers etc etc. We thought we could say anything we wanted to say ourselves

To spell the message clearly, we urge that people assert control over their own lives, through environmental pressure groups. We would like to see people establish egalitarian work collectives without bosses, either through their own efforts, or by taking over the places where they work. We want consumers to distinguish between that which is good and that which is merely widely advertised. We think students should have a major voice in the way they are educated, with their lecturers, they are not to be regarded as privileged people, they are people who are being educated because society damned well needs their skills. One's own life is too important a matter to leave the things that vitally affect it to specialists and managers without question, and the education of the young is certainly far too important a matter to leave in the hands of the successful grocers who seem to form the governing bodies of many schools and establishments of further education

We have not received a great deal of written matter for inclusion in this issue relevant to the region, and we believe this reflects among other things on the one hand the decline of the printed word among the mass media, and on the other hand a desire for action rather than words. The question arises as to what form the action is taking. We are watching at the time of writing a big build-up by the media of partisan attitudes towards the big London demonstration planned at the end of this month. The Police Federation journal has carried complaints about the activities of the media, and the question of violence has been talked half to death. The root problem today seems to be that demonstrators do not think that they will receive justice if they are arrested. Lord Kilbracken's account on television of the treatment of demonstrators 17 September 61 showed one factor which has led to the present situation*. Liberals and others are constantly warning demonstrators that violence is counter-productive, that it will provoke fascist reaction of one sort or another. This is also true for the police and the courts, violence is counter-productive whoever uses it. Every time a man is assaulted or unjustly convicted (which is a violence), it should be remembered that he has a circle of friends who will take his word rather than the decision of the courts. Every time a magistrate supports the police when in doubt as to the truth of the evidence, a ripple spreads from the individual unjustly convicted among his friends and although in the short run 'law and order' are maintained, in the long run it can only make the life of the police more difficult. The situation now appears to be that demonstrators expect to be involved in incidents when they go on a demonstration, they accept their arrest and conviction with a fatalism which erodes any aspirations towards justice. They look upon themselves as at war, casualties in a battle against authority which it is not possible to win in the courts. The courts are seen as mere instruments of the directing caste when it comes to trials of accused persons with political opinions outside the range of groceries found convenient by the directing caste. They pay their fines, and next time they link arms and fight to avoid arrest

The number of active individuals in the spectrum of opinion outside accepted politics is now very large. It was estimated that 20,000 people were in London for the demonstration in March. They are in fact, whatever their label, demonstrating against the Government if only for its financially dominated association with the US over Vietnam. One may ask, could the Labour Party get so many people together to support its policies? Or the Tories or Liberals?

* NCCL booklet 'Civil Liberty & the Police' - 1/6 & postage from NCCL 4 Camden High Street London NW1

# People live & die

*an introductory survey by two young East Anglians of the potential of the parish as a basic unit in a decentralised federal society*

"There's nothin' here. People live and die." This remark by one of the people we spoke to in the course of our survey typifies the general feeling of villagers that their parish meeting or council is powerless to help them or to generate any sense of an autonomous community. The parish is the oldest local unit in Europe. In England it dates from the eighth century. Traditionally the parish has been conservatively structured: a triumvirate of church, aristocracy and rural narrow-mindedness was maintained under the direct rule of unelected Justices of the Peace until the Local Government Act of 1894. Thereafter, structural smallness should have tended to diminish the possibility of oligarchy, but there is ample evidence of a breakdown and stagnation in this potentially federalist unit

Normally the vast majority of parishes never have elections for their council (elections cost money which a fifth of a penny rate hardly covers). The filling of vacant places by appointment is commonplace. The RDC representative for the group of parishes we studied has never been elected. This particular wealthy farmer who is also chairman of his village meeting which convenes every three years has recently sold 8 acres of land for a mushroom-factory site, an overnight development for which the villagers were never consulted. This rural district councillor who sits on the housing committee has made no apparent attempt to secure adequate sewerage facilities for dwellers in his three parishes. It seems only the more populous parishes get sewerage schemes

The paternalistic directives of the ministry - county council - RDC set-up limit parishes by a centralism which, as Kropotkin pointed out (in Paroles d'un Révolté) 'creates an army of office holders sitting like spiders in their webs, who have never seen the world except through the dingy panes of their office windows and only know it from their files and absurd formulae'. Examples of ofifcial tyranny and authoritarian neglect weaken the popularity of the parish system by outmanœvering it. We cite two examples from the Deben RDC:

a) In the case of the Orford Ness radio research station repeated promises by the ministry to send two-thirds of the building materials by sea have not been honoured at all, and the resulting road chaos especially in Melton and Orford has been ignored despite vigorous protests from the parish councils concerned

b) Technological projects, such as the GPO communications establishment at Martlesham are imposed on suitable parishes by the East Suffolk County Council, which openly bids for such development to increase its taxable income. Such projects do not provide any benefit for local inhabitants

Despite such factors, it would be wrong to write off the absolute need for a fundamental local and communal system. George Benello in his study 'Wasteland Culture' (published in 'Our Generation') says that 'the past is only relevant where it gives examples of *organic* institutions suited to human needs . . . it is group structure, not class solidarity, which is required for democratic organization'. It is important to make use of existing institutions if they are amenable, or if not to help build significant alternatives capable of equalling or surpassing them in the quality of their achievements

The main impasse in which existing small units find themselves is that their activity has been restricted to ridiculously trivial matters like footpath maintainance and lighting the village telephone box. This leads to a deep-seated apathy: 'Why bother to call a parish meeting?' Of course mere paper reforms of this situation would make little difference while the economic structure of totalitarian technology in our modern capitalist society remains untouched. But I think libertarians, even those without a William Morris sentimental mediævalism, should consider the possibility of making use of these grounds, both in the present situation and in a post-governmental society. There is much untapped resentment of bureaucratic centralism which could help our movement. And whatever absolute nihilists say, continuity *is* strength, and what could be more continuous than the parishes? In size they are ideal for the direct participation of all without any delegation of 'power'

Mary Parker Follett's notion of 'the democratic project', the transformation and humanizing of power, the first ever attempted direct democracy, successfully employed on a local level, could bubble forth into a confrontation with the existing hollow system and lead inevitably to the development of new forms

O thou Powers of **England**, though thou hast promised to make this People a Free People, yet thou hast so handled the matter, through thy self-seeking humour, That thou hast wrapped us up more in bondage, and oppression lies heavier upon us; not only bringing thy fellow Creatures, the Commoners, to a morsel of Bread, but by confounding all sorts of people by thy Government, of doing and undoing. (1649)

# MAKHNO

**50 years ago Nestor Makhno and his peasant army, fighting against both white and red terror in the Ukraine, organised the Black Cross as defence and aid units for the towns**

**The Black Cross has been revived in England to organise solidarity for victims of repression. It is in need of your support**

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